

REMARKS

In an initial response to the official action of October 3, 2003, dated March 9, 2004, applicants set forth their position with respect to the patentability of claims 29-65, and noted the Examiner's indication that claims 66-68 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have subsequently filed a notice of appeal in this case. At this point, however, applicants have amended claim 29 and canceled all of the remaining rejected claims in this application; namely, claims 30-65, without prejudice to the prosecution of those or similar claims in applicants' subsequently filed application. Claim 29 has been amended to include the limitations of prior claim 66, which depended thereon, and claim 66 has now therefore been canceled.

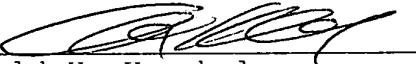
It is therefore respectfully submitted that good cause exists for the entry of this amendment, since it clearly places this application in condition for allowance. The only remaining claims in this application, claims 29, 67 and 68, have already been deemed to be allowable. Therefore, with entry of this amendment, the present application is fully allowable and such action is therefore respectfully solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that this amendment can be entered, or does not believe that this application is in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any further objections which the Examiner might have to such action being taken at this time. Finally, if there are any additional charges

in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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